

STRIKE OR LOCKOUT?

Cost and Shirt Makers Quit Work in Six Shops.

Contractors Say They Cannot Pay the Union Scale.

Striking Clockmakers Reduced to a Starving Condition.

The contractors in the coat and shirt-making industries in this city are said to be taking steps looking to the return of the "sweating" system.

A strike in the former industry was precipitated to-day in the shop of Morris Bonn, at 5 and 7 Gouverneur street. The men believe that any work on hand, but the contractors insist that it is impossible for them to continue to pay the union scale of wages.

The men who left this shop this morning claim to have positive knowledge that they have been blacklisted at all the other shops in the city.

A crowd of the locked-out men assembled at the Brotherhood headquarters, 40 Attorney street, to-day. Secretary Joseph Goldstein and Valuing Delegate Schwartzberg said that there was plenty of work on hand, but the contractors were giving it out piecemeal, so that the men got only one or two days' work a week. By this means the bosses are trying to make the men believe that they will be better off under the old system, and thus the contractors are scheming to break up the weekly wage system recently adopted.

"The Brotherhood is not looking for trouble," said Mr. Goldstein, "and there will be no strike on our part if it can be prevented."

Contractor Bonn stated that the men struck because he discharged a presser named Greenberg.

Lockouts are also expected in the Brooklyn and Brownsville shops. The Joint Executive Board of the Brotherhood Tailors of New York, Brooklyn and Brownsville, will hold a meeting to-night to take action on the present move of the bosses.

No general lockout is expected in this city at present. The union men think that the contractors have put Bonn forward to make a test fight against the Brotherhood, and if Bonn wins, all the other contractors will fall in line.

Lawyer Fromberg has been retained by the Brotherhood to advise them on the bond question, with a view to holding all the bosses up to the legal requirements of the agreements made last month.

Among the shirt manufacturers who are in trouble are Weinstein, in Clinton street; Kapolsky, in Rutgers street; Kaponofsky, in Rutgers street; Indikoff, 250 Cherry street; Malinsky, 52 Leonard street; and Sharagan, 49 Pike street. All have quit out this morning.

In these shops because they claim the agreements failed to give them the written agreements made with the union.

A lockout is feared in other shops on account of these strikes.

A FIGHT WITH HUNGER NOW.

Striking Clockmakers Reduced to a Starving Condition.

The condition of the striking clockmakers of this city is pitiful in the extreme. For weeks they have been living a hand-to-mouth existence, pinching along as best they can, dividing with each other the scanty rations purchased with contributions from other organized bodies of labor, and cheering

each other on in their fight for a principle.

Now, with Winter close at hand, they are compelled to fight for bread—not bread and butter, but bread. For weeks they have done no work, nearly 10,000 of them, and as a consequence about 40,000 human beings of both sexes and all ages are clamoring for bread.

Their condition was pathetically illustrated by a scene that took place in Wabasha Hall yesterday. Hundreds of the strikers, many with wives and little ones, had slept huddled together on the floor of the hall Sunday night. When sleep refused to keep them off the floor of their sufferings and the pangs of hunger insisted upon being appeased, they left the hall in straggling groups in quest of food.

Some of them were possessed of a few cents, which were expended for stale bread; the others stood by and with covetous eyes watched their more fortunate fellow-strikers as they ate.

Joseph Baroness, their leader, on whom they lean as a second Moses, came to the rescue. With his last dollar he purchased fifty loaves of stale bread, which he carried to the hall in a coffee sack.

The hungry crowd pressed eagerly into the hall after noon, and it was only by the exercise of all his physical strength and persuasive powers that he was able to get them to wait until the next day. As rapidly as possible Baroness broke the loaves into small portions and gave them into the eagerly outstretched hands of the crowd.

That was their breakfast.

The manufacturers, on the other hand, are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Miss May Kimmel, Hemlock Lake, N. Y.

O! Those Nerves

Constant Headaches—That Tired Feeling.

"Last winter I was falling in health and friends were worried about me. I had a tired feeling, headache and upset nervous system, being never free from these afflictions. In March we noticed the wonderful good Hood's Sarsaparilla was doing. At my mother's request I decided to try it. A few days later I felt much better, and my head was greatly relieved. I felt much stronger and had a good appetite. I have taken three bottles and it has cured me. My grandfather, a gentleman of 70 years, was unable to get out of doors, and could hardly see from his chair on account of rheumatism. My mother told him of Hood's Sarsaparilla."

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lars, with the probability also that the trade, which has been driven to Philadelphia and the larger Western cities, will never again be controlled in this city. But they refuse all offers of representation to the strikers, and in declaring that it is impossible for them to concede the weekly wage system demanded by their employees, and in stating that their shops are open to the men if they care to return to work.

In the face of the statement in the declaration of leading manufacturers that there are not enough woollen goods in this city to keep the shops going three weeks, and that the competing manufacturers in Philadelphia and Chicago have "cornered" all the woollens in the country.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

New York has about 22,000 barbers, and it is estimated that they shave at least 1,000,000 men every week.

William Baumann, of the Amberg Brewery, has been elected Secretary of the Dutch Free Press of the Netherlands. Baumann is a Dutchman, and is a member of the Dutch Free Press of the Netherlands.

Laundrymen are corresponding with each other for the purpose of forming a National organization, under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor.

At next week's meeting of Branch 1 of the Amberg Brewery, the members are to be added to the Executive Committee.

The local machinists' union are contemplating a plan of consolidation for the purpose of increasing their trade in this city, and in the vicinity.

William Weber has been elected office manager of the Independent Order of Foresters, and he is a member of the order.

Shoemakers are again on strike at the shops of Christopher Decker, 225 Clinton street, and at 234 and 236 Rutgers street, and at 234 and 236 Rutgers street.

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IN A NOOSE OF FIRE.

Chinese Laundryman Cruelly Treated by Joyce and His Gang.

Dragged Along the Street by a Burning Rope Around His Neck.

The Policeman Who Arrested the Boy Stoned by a Gang.

James Joyce, an eighteen-year-old boy, who lives at 234 Tenth avenue, was held for trial at Jefferson Market Court to-day charged with having assaulted a Chinaman in a most cruel and heartless manner.

Young Joyce is one of a gang of boys who make war on Chinese laundrymen day and night. He does so in the face of his parents' protests, too; for after his arrest his father, who is a hard-working carpenter, told the police that he had done everything in his power to make the boy behave.

Long Fok Hing has a laundry at 280 Tenth avenue. On Election Day Joyce and his gang started a monster bonfire in front of the laundry. Suddenly they made a rush and, grabbing him, they dragged him out to the street and Joyce took from the bonfire a blazing rope, which had a noose in the end and threw it over Fok's head. Then he drew the rope tightly around the Chinaman's neck and started to drag him up and down the street.

Ing managed to break away from his tormentor and rushed into his laundry, where he dived into a half-barrel of water and put out the burning rope. He had a red mark around his neck, which he will probably carry to his dying day, and he was severely aching to walk, and really about to stir from his little back room until he was picked up by a policeman.

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